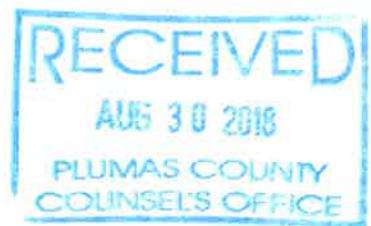




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Plumas County Sheriff's response to Grand Jury

On behalf of the staff at the Plumas County Sheriff's Office I thank the Plumas County Grand Jury for their time and efforts. The function of the Grand Jury is vital to the citizens and visitors of Plumas County and we sincerely appreciate their work.

In what follows I will address issues raised by the Grand Jury as they relate specifically to the Animal Control function of the Sheriff's Office as well as the Plumas County Correctional facility.

Recommendation by the Grand Jury: The 2017-2018 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Sheriff's Office reevaluate the benefits of the use of inmates and hire additional employees and/or enlist volunteers to assist in the operation of the Animal Shelter.

Sheriff's response: I would love to hire additional staff at the animal shelter and will move immediately to do so when the funding is provided. Until such funding is made available we will continue to do our best with what we have. The concerns expressed re: the use of inmates is understood and I will consider the Grand Jury's recommendation.

Recommendation by the Grand Jury: The 2017-2018 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Sheriff's Office include the Animal Control Supervisor in their annual budgeting proceedings.

Sheriff's response: The Animal Control Supervisor is included in the annual budget proceedings and has been since the Sheriff's Office took over the animal shelter some years ago. While I do not know who suggested that the supervisor isn't included in these proceedings, I can assure you they are grossly misinformed or simply dishonest in their representations.

Recommendation of the Grand Jury: The 2017-2018 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Sheriff to direct his staff to develop an office policy and procedure manual for the operation of the Animal Shelter.

Sheriff's response: I will identify any deficiencies related to policy manuals and take corrective action.

Recommendation by the Grand Jury: The 2017-2018 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office and all other County Departments continue to work effectively

with the State to ensure the 25 million dollar granting process continues to move forward smoothly for the building of a new jail.

Sheriff's response: I agree. My staff has been committed to the success of this project for some time. We will continue to work effectively with all partners to solve this decades old problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hagwood".

Sheriff Gregory J. Hagwood